

# HORSE BITS

## Natural horsemanship clinic and riding workshop

There will be a natural horsemanship clinic and riding workshop May 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the East Arena, State Fair Park. The presenter at this workshop will be Rick Cornwell from Janesville, IA. For more information on this clinic, call 441-7180 and ask for Ellen.

## District and state horse show entries

All district and state horse show entries are due in the Lancaster County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m., May 21. (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED!) Level tests and horse identification sheets for district and state exhibitors are also due on that date. The district show for Lancaster County is Thursday, June 24 in Beatrice. If this date does not work for you, call me at 441-7180 for other available show dates across the state. (EK)

## Benefit horse show held

On April 17 and 18, the Lancaster County Horse VIPS Committee sponsored a horse show to benefit the proposed Lancaster County Event Center. The show was held at State Fair Park. The Saturday show was for the serious horse show exhibitor only! It was a very cold day and the horses were excited to be out for the first 4-H show of the season. (However, they were **not** excited to be washed on that particular morning.) On Sunday, the sun came out and everyone enjoyed a beautiful day during the games.

High point trophies were awarded in four age groups. Trophy winners were Megan Gautier (Elementary High Point) and Rachel Steckly (Reserve); Christi Vidlak (Junior High Point) and Ashley Murray (Reserve); Amy Countryman (Senior High Point) and Sara Messick (Reserve); and Jessie Snover (Adult High Point) and Tim Marshall (Reserve).

As usual, there were more than a dozen people who spent many hours working to ensure the success of the show and we thank them all. A special thanks goes to Marti Countryman who organized and promoted the show. (EK)



Trophy winners (left to right) Megan Gautier, Ashley Murray, Christi Vidlak, Amy Countryman, Tim Marshall and Jessie Snover. Not pictured: Rachel Steckly and Sara Messick.

## Mark your calendar

Wednesday, June 23 is the date 4-H members can practice for the Life Skills Judging Contest and receive help with their demonstrations. Learn judging techniques and decision making skills for the Life Skills Judging Contest from 1-2:30 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., 4-H members can learn what a demonstration is and how to present it at the fair. If your demonstration is ready, present it and receive help, if needed. Preregistration is not necessary. Contact Tracy if you have any questions. (TK)

## 2002 CWF registration begins

Reservations are now being accepted for the 2002 Citizen Washington Focus program. To be eligible you must be 14 years of age by the time of the trip. To reserve a seat, send a \$100 deposit to the Lancaster County 4-H Council, attention: Deanna, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln, NE 68528-1507. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. We are limited to 42 youth. What better way to learn about government, meet new friends and travel the east coast? Join today! (DK)

## Youth Beef Roundup

Are you involved in the beef industry? Do you want to be involved in the beef industry in the future? If you answered yes to either of these questions and you are between the ages of 13-18, the Youth Beef Roundup is for you!

The Youth Beef Roundup is a two-day workshop held at the University of Nebraska, East Campus. The event will take place June 16 and 17. The roundup will feature eight different hands-on workshops, as well as speakers and panel discussions. Some of the workshops will be on cattle handling, health, quality assurance, food safety, meat, nutrition, EPD's and many other topics.

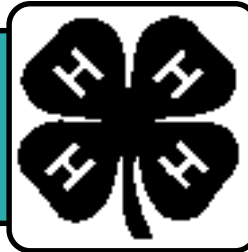
For an application form, call Deanna at 441-7180. (DK)

## Performance lamb tagging

The performance lamb weigh-in and tagging will be Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m.-noon in the 4-H sheep barn at State Fair Park. Any 4-H member planning to exhibit in the market lamb performance class must have their lambs weighed this day. All market lambs or commercial ewes that haven't been tagged must also be brought in. If you have any questions, call Deanna at 441-7180. (DK)



## 4-H & Youth



## County fair dates

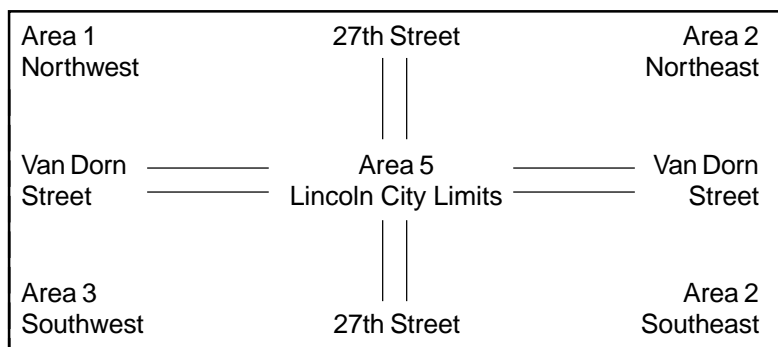
Lancaster County Fair is August 4-8  
 Friday, July 16—Demonstrations  
 Wednesday, July 21—Style Revue judging  
 Monday, August 2—4-H horse show activities begin  
 Tuesday, August 3—Static exhibit entries due 4-8 p.m.  
 Wednesday, August 4—Static exhibits judged  
 Thursday, August 5—Table Setting Contest, 8:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, August 7—Demonstrations  
 Watch future issues of the NEBLINE for a complete calendar and details. Each 4-H family should receive a Lancaster County Fair Book by June. A fair packet will be mailed to all 4-H club leaders and independent members. (LB)

**All animal ID's are due to the extension office by June 11. (DL)**



## 4-H Council positions

Starting date September 1, 1999  
 Seeking qualified applicants for 4-H Council youth and adult positions in the following geographic areas:  
 Northwest—youth  
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 Southeast—adult  
 Lincoln city limits—2 youth and 1 adult  
 Lancaster County at large—1 adult and 1 youth  
 Requirements: must be concerned with the future of the 4-H program in Lancaster County. Must possess an interest and an understanding of youth and be willing to promote the 4-H program. Applicants must be willing to attend monthly meetings and participate in various committee activities. These are rewarding positions. SALARY: Base \$0 with 5% increments annually. BENEFITS: The gratitude of volunteers, parents and 4-H youth throughout the county. In addition, a name tag and 4-H Council T-shirt are provided. Interested applicants need to contact Lorene for further information and an application form. (LB)



## Attention swine exhibitors

All youth 4-H and FFA members exhibiting swine this year must be Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) certified. You may get certified in any county. Call Deanna and let her know if you have completed the certification. Certification dates are as follows:

Lancaster County: May 26, 6 p.m., Lancaster Extension Education Center

July 10, 9 a.m., Lancaster Extension Education Center

Please call the office at 441-7180 to register.

Otoe County: May 13, 6:30 p.m.,

Kimmel Ag Expo Center, Syracuse

Saline County: May 24, 7 p.m., St.

Joseph Hall, Friend

May 27, 7 p.m., Saline County Extension, Wilber

Saunders County: June 5, 9:30 a.m. ARDC, Mead

June 21, 7:30 p.m., ARDC, Mead

Thank you for your cooperation on this issue. If you have any questions, call Deanna at 441-7180. (DK)

